

REMARKS

The Office action of January 24, 2011, has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 18-21 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Yoshikawa et al.

The rejection over Yoshikawa et al is based upon a filing date for the reference in the U.S. of October 4, 2004.

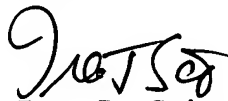
The present application is based upon a PCT application filed on January 28, 2005, but which claims the priority of JP 2004-025553 filed on February 2, 2004. Thus, the claimed priority application predates the Yoshikawa et al reference.

In order to perfect the priority of this application, Applicants submit herewith a verified translation of the priority document, JP 2004-025553. Applicants submit that it is evident from this verified translation that the rejected claims are supported by the priority document.

Applicants further submit that the rejection over Yoshikawa et al must therefore be removed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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